

## I. AMENDMENTS

### In the Specification:

On page 1 of the specification, after the Title, please insert the following headings and paragraphs:

#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/231,663, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,702,336, which was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/AU02/01226, filed August 30, 2002, which claims priority from Australia Application No. PR7331, filed August 30, 2001.

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

~~The present invention relates to a~~ A pipe coupling of the type where a pipe is freely insertable into the coupling and where a nut causes engagement of a grip ring and gasket with the pipe to provide a seal between the coupling and the pipe, and where within the coupling there is disposed a first stop to indicate to a user inserting the pipe freely that the pipe has been inserted to its required location. The first stop is located at a position where there is room beyond the first stop for the pipe to move into. Tightening of the nut causes the pipe to move further into the coupling beyond the first stop to a second stop. ~~This solves the problem of the pipe being inserted too deeply into the coupling and being deformed when the nut is tightened further.~~